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South African unions criticise lack of change

BY SCOTT MARSHALL

JOHANNESBURG (NYTN) — The annual convention of the South African Congress of Trade Unions (COSATU), has reaffirmed its alliance with the African National Congress (ANC) and the South African Communist Party (SACP).

The convention also agreed to cooperate with rather than be in confrontation with the elected government. However, the 1,700 delegates were sharply critical of the government and its policies.

By the time of the elections over 100,000 COSATU members were on strike. Their demands were not just for higher wages but also to end vestiges of apartheid such as maintaining ceilings on the advancement of non-white workers.

Most effective of all strikes was the shutting down of the motor industry by 25,000 striking members of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (NUMSA). The workers had been demanding an 11 per cent wage in-

crease. NUMSA General secretary Enoch Godongwan said that ending Apartheid "involves ending, in the shortest possible time, the racist wage structure and discrimination in education and training practices."

COSATU General Secretary Sam Shilowa echoed the view, declaring "the old way of doing things has got to go out the window. People are wondering if democracy means anything more than the right to vote every five years."

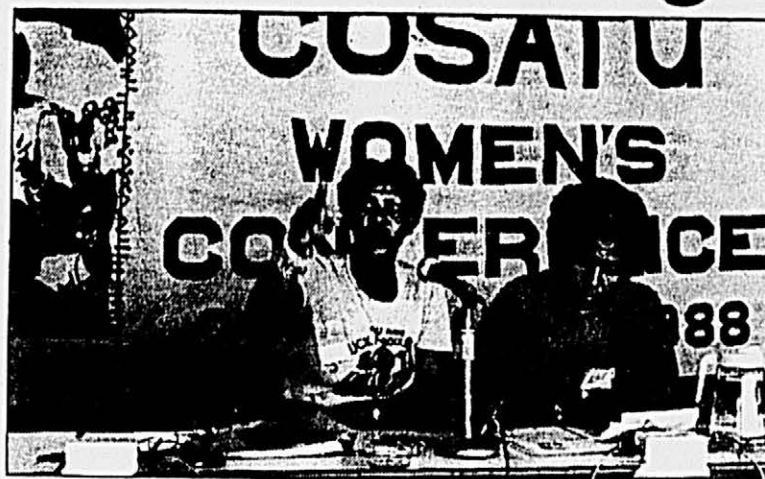
People's tempers were heightened by police action against strikers. In July, police fired rubber bullets to disperse a demonstration in a shopping mall in Johannesburg. In August, they opened fire on striking forestry workers on a plantation near Piet Retief, injuring 20. Security forces used stun grenades and rubber bullets against gold miners striking at an Anglo-American Co. mine near Carltonville.

Discontent, largely over the pace and scope of the promised reconstruction and development plans,

has appeared in the townships. The Mandela government's first budget has allocated little more than 6 per cent of the projected funds for a five-year program.

The position of President Mandela and government officials has been to urge restraint while the crucial question of achieving adequate finances is settled. In particular, Mandela, addressing the COSATU annual conference, appealed to workers to curb the right to strike so as not to frighten away foreign investment. Raising question as to how far the ANC is willing to go to attract foreign business, Mandela urged unions to, "create conditions where business can expand and new jobs can be created."

Reliance by the post-apartheid government on foreign investment and on World Bank-IMF loans, has not been received well by many workers. According to Shilowa, "Those companies which will be scared off are the ones who will be coming to exploit South African workers."



The July-September period is the usual time for negotiating collective bargaining agreements and wage demands. Strikes have been more numerous in previous years in these months. Played up in the western press, the current strikes are used to pressure investment conditions from the government. In South Africa itself, the predominantly white-owned press is accused by the ANC and COSATU of sensationalizing strikes to drive a wedge into trade

union-ANC-SACP unity.

ANC leaders have pointed to the continued domination of the civil service by white employees from the Apartheid era, whose jobs are guaranteed for the next five years and who will implement programs. The new government found the cost of transition over \$570 million more than expected. Presented frankly with problems and needs, the COSATU conference pledged continued alliance with the ANC-SACP.

A blast from the past

Swing Dynamique resurrects Django Reinhardt

BY LOIC BERNARD

Imagine yourself in a softly lit room, filled with Tango dancers surrounded by candle lit tables, following the jazzy beat of a quartet playing in one corner. No, this is not a dream, this is Swing Dynamique playing at the Café Tango last Friday night.

"What could be more fun than playing for dancers sweeping across the floor?" asked Mike King, the band leader who decided to pay tribute to the late, great jazz guitarist, Django Reinhardt.

Accompanied by clarinetist Colin Biggin, rhythm guitarist Tamara Pardo and Adam Over on the contrabass, guitarist Mike King recreated the magical atmosphere of the swinging 1930s and '40s. "If you close your eyes, you feel taken into it. [It creates] a nostalgic feeling," remarked one of the audience members.

Thanks to King's note for note transcriptions of Django's songs, Swing Dynamique can interpret his old tunes as they were played at the time. Much work must still be done, though, since Reinhardt recorded more than 800 songs from 1928 until his death in 1953.

Belgian gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt was known as the most significant European jazz musician of his time, introducing the guitar as a solo instrument in the jazz or-

chestra rather than just a rhythmic instrument. His original style and fast picking made him a star and influenced many of his followers, such as Jimi Hendrix, Carlos Santana and of course, Mike King. But what was the reason behind King's revival of Django's music?

Legend has it that, a few years ago, the ghost of Django Reinhardt visited King's dreamland on a sunny afternoon while he was sleeping beside his fruit-stand: "I saw Django reach out from the cloud and disappear. It woke me up and I felt really good; it was a sort of hyper-dream." From that day on, Mike King vowed to learn all about Reinhardt's music.

Shortly after the dream, King decided to move to Montréal where the music scene would be more open to Django's style of European jazz. There he met Tamara Pardo, who instantly fell in love with the music. Together they formed Swing Dynamique, a young band that has been growing steadily ever since, having played more than 100 concerts in the last year, including the Montréal Jazz Festival last summer.

"We'll play anywhere. I love doing gigs," said King, who will do a live recording for CBC radio next month. The recording will include a full lineup with two guitars, clarinets, drums, stand-up bass and a singer.

Although King seems to have mastered the art of Django's play-

ing, he asserted that "there is much more to learn; there is always work to be done." One goal he has set for himself is to gain total control over his instrument. Recently, King saw Stéphane Grappelli, a violinist and former band mate of Django's, perform, and was convinced that such control is indeed possible. "He has such grace and warmth when he comes on-stage, you feel good even before he has played a single note. That gives you something to look up to," said King of Grappelli.

King wants people "to enjoy [his music], and hopefully get some kind of sense of the sound of the '40s." Django's music is especially appealing because it seems so personal. This may be due to the fact that the music has not been very commercialized by the masses. At any rate, Swing Dynamique creates an intimate atmosphere in which the contact between the musician and the listener is unique. Their music sounds refreshing and easy to listen to, without any effects to figure out. It's pure.

Swing Dynamique has the power to seduce the listener and carry him or her through time, to a period where music was the symbol of joy and liberty, breaking any boundaries that it confronted. Its crystal sound sweeps people off their feet and makes them dance until the harsh reality of the '90s puts them back on earth.



Mike King - "The man behind the ghost"

You cannot feel the energy that comes out of this music until you have seen Swing Dynamique interpret it live, whether you're in bar or a Tango dance club. The ghost of Django Reinhardt is in the room whenever his music is played and Mike King is proof of his presence.

Swing Dynamique plays the music of Django Reinhardt Thursday, October 20 at Théâtre La Licorne, 4559 Papineau, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, November 9 at L'air du Temps, 191 St-Paul ouest and Saturday November 19 and 26 at BAR L'Barouf, 4171 St-Denis.

Kiss & Tell: trio of artists take on mainstream

By AILEEN MCBRIDE

Montreal (CUP)—Last year, a trio of Vancouver lesbians caused an uproar in the Alberta legislature. Their multi-media piece, *True Inversions*, which was being staged at the Banff Centre for the Arts, was met with a scathing review from the right-wing rag *The Alberta Report*. The then Deputy Premier got wind of the show, and without having

seen the piece, claimed that it was an "abhorrent lesbian show," and attempted to "end homosexual shows at government funded institutions".

What followed is no surprise. Numerous articles emerged around the province about the lesbian 'smut' which was being funded by taxpayers money, and a debate over government funding for the arts ensued.

These "abhorrent lesbians" are Kiss & Tell, a collective of artists from Vancouver whose art raises issues about censorship, feminism, homophobia, and lesbian desire. Comprised of Persimmon Blackbridge, Lizard Jones, and Susan Stewart, Kiss & Tell will be strutting their 'smut' in Montreal this weekend at the Musée Juste Pour Rire, to launch their latest work, a book entitled *Her Tongue on my Theory: Images, Essays and Fantasies*.

Kiss & Tell make art about sex: its pleasures, its politics and its perversities. Because they believe that "white straight men rule the art world," they make art which challenges stereotypical images of women's sexuality in the media. Supporters of the trio say that the response of the Alberta government to their work, and more recently, the routine confiscation of gay and lesbian literature by Canada Customs only reinforces the need for Kiss & Tell's voices to be heard.

In their latest work "Her Tongue on my Theory", Kiss & Tell explore the complexity of lesbian desire by combining images, theory and fiction/fantasy. On the top-two thirds of each page, Kiss & Tell engage in discussions about anti-porn legislation, the appropriation of queer culture in the mainstream, and the difficulties of making



Lesbian feminist activists: Kiss & Tell

collective art as lesbians.

Running below this is a piece of erotic fiction which details the sexual adventures of one Kiss & Tell dyke on a cross—Canada art tour. Throughout the book are video stills from past work, as well as new photos depicting lesbian desire. The effect is a thought—provoking and inspiring read which is also a turn—on.

As artists schooled in anti-porn feminism, Kiss & Tell have found it difficult to mix sexual politics with sexual pleasure. Over their ten year career, they have changed their position about censorship and have begun to question how government legislation discriminates against gay, lesbian, and feminist publications.

In "Her Tongue on my Theory" Kiss & Tell succeed in bringing theory down to earth, and begin to

answer difficult questions about who defines community standards. They show that there is a starting point for people to discuss their pleasure and their politics, by "refusing the separation of sexual representation and its analysis, mingling lust, intellect, and personal history."

The launching of "Her Tongue on my Theory" will be a chance to see three Canadian lesbians live up to their reputation as provocative performance artists. The evening will include a multi-media staging of their new book with a video installation and dramatic readings.

Tickets are available in advance at *L'androgynie* for \$6, or at the door, Saturday October 22 at *Le Musée Juste Pour Rire*, 2111 Boul. St. Laurent at 9pm. The event is a benefit for *Montreal's Diver/Cité*

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COMMENT

Discussing hungry children with Lloyd

Last Wednesday McGill students got a chance to ask Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy about his proposed social program cutbacks. As students, we thought that this would be the "discussion" part of the "discussion paper" on social program reforms.

Anyone who reads the 89 page 'discussion' paper can see that this document has been kicking around the halls of federal bureaucracy for years without any outside input. Labor groups, First nations, and students groups all wanted to know why they weren't consulted.

But Lloyd came prepared. When it came time to ask questions, Lloyd was ready to give answers. The whole question and answer period came off like a well rehearsed scene.

So, after our exclusive interview with Lloyd Axworthy we got a chance to tell him exactly what was on our minds. We told him that we were worried about tremendous hikes in tuition. We asked him why poor Canadians would want to take out loans of up to \$40,000 for their education. (Twenty per cent of students already owe up to \$26,000 upon graduation.)

We asked him if he understood the fears of those who depend on Canada's social services for survival. Did he understand the fears of women students, who incur more debt than men, and have more trouble paying it back? Why exactly, Lloyd, do you think that student groups, welfare rights organizations and others are so disturbed by your green paper?

Lloyd answered us in the same way he addressed the lecture hall. Even speaking as two students off the record, he was still Lloyd The Consummate Politician giving us the same rehearsed, ultimately unsatisfactory answers.

He told us that these reforms were about hungry children in rural Manitoba, who were becoming social deviants due to lack of adequate nutrition during their formative years. How could we demand state sponsored education when these children lack food!

We were taken aback and felt a bit selfish. How do you respond when somebody tells you that your tuition dollars are denying small children food?

We then suspected that Lloyd was using an emotional appeal to avoid the issue of privatizing our education system. Maybe it's not about hungry children or education. Maybe it's about how we need to address both if we are to maintain the basic safety net of Canadian society.

The federal government's commitment to child poverty did not impress children's rights advocates, who criticized the proposals for being short on details and dangerously contingent on provincial support. A target for the reduction of child poverty was not even set because the government could not guarantee that the provinces would commit money to the programs. None of the programs involved price tags, or committed new money. So education is being cut, but no additional resources are going to help fight child poverty? One might suspect that budget cuts are the real concern here.

It is difficult to explain how it feels to face one of the highest officials in the land, knowing that their actions will directly affect your life, and knowing that no matter what you say, the decisions have already been made. I admit, we were naïve.

We agree with the federal government that the time for hard choices has come. Most students know about the debt burden. Many will even acknowledge that the economic pie is not going to get any bigger. But even with these limitations, why are we not talking about readjusting the funding that we still have to deal with? Why was tax reform not on the table, or defence spending (6.6 per cent of all federal expenditure)?

Lloyd instead continued to insist that we were demanding education at the expense of hungry children. What would Lloyd have said to one of these hungry children if they were to ask about cutbacks to welfare, mother's allowance, and other social programs that help feed them? If this discussion paper was truly meant for discussion, then Lloyd is not a very good listener.

Melanie Newton and Josee Johnston

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AXE!



LETTERS

Getting Frats Club Status-an informal guide To the Daily,

There is, of course, an obvious way for McGill fraternities, sororities and their umbrella group, the IGLC, to re-enter the paternal fold of the SSMU.

They also might take themselves out of the focus of Chris Carter's fatuous equivalencies and bigoted comparisons while they're at it:

1) They should declare themselves a "disadvantaged group" on the basis of their exclusion from the SSMU. The damning, malevolent eye of the Daily can be particularly crippling too.

2) They should forthwith become loud, angry and combative. This seems to be the only qualification for being considered "anti-discriminatory".

As they would be exempt from article 2.3, this clever programme should get the IGLC club status in a jiffy, and, let's face it, the logic behind it is no more mendacious or vacuous than that which excludes them in the first place.

Ian R. Hay
B.A. U2

Did someone say Israel coverage?

To the Daily

I am extremely disappointed in the coverage presented in your newspaper

concerning the current events in Israel.

As you are well aware, much has occurred in that region of the world in the past week and a half. The tumultuous period began when a group of Hamas terrorists raided a crowded bar on a popular strip in Jerusalem. One Israeli was killed in the incident, while at least six people were wounded. This total does not include the Israeli Defence Force soldier, Corporal Nahshon Waxman, who was kidnapped and later killed by his captors.

The results of these incidents had tremendous effect on the already shaky political climate of the Middle East. The newly initiated peace process between the Israelis and the Palestinians almost came to a halt. The threatened understanding could have reversed over a year of intense negotiations to finally bring peace to Israel and her neighbors.

More locally, there was an outpouring of support shown by the McGill Jewish community for the safe return of the late Nahshon Waxman.

In the October 11th edition of The McGill Daily, you neglected to cover these events. The only mention of the Middle East was of a Palestinian leader, Samir Odeh who died of a heart attack. I am not saying that his death is a trivial point. What I am asserting, however, is that there was an unfortunate

abundance of news originating from the Middle East. That was not even mentioned in your paper.

Furthermore, the reference to Palestine as a state is incorrect. If you are to look at a current map of our political world, nowhere will a state named Palestine be found. Palestine does not have fixed territorial boundaries, nor is it a group of citizens governed by a sovereign ruler. Therefore, Palestine exists only as a state of mind, not as a nation-state.

As an authoritative journal, The McGill Daily has no right to mislead readership in this way. I would appreciate more accurate as well as more newsworthy reports of events in Israel.

Michael Henson
U1, Political Science

Hurray for the Danes

To the Daily,

I want to thank the McLennan-Redpath library for reminding us of the highest point of world history when the most ethical and courageous of people demonstrated for all time what it means to be civilized. It can only be hoped that one day all people will act like the Danes.

Respectfully,

David S. Rovins
Arts

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Erasing the 49th parallel

NAFTA, immigration and the Great White Canadian North

BY DAVID AUSTIN

Canada has long since had the reputation around the world for being the "Switzerland of the Americas", a haven for all of those who enjoy this country's close proximity to the United States and its exquisite, European-like qualities. This is the image that Canada likes to project, and perhaps the Canada that to many, once was. But all is not well on the Northern front.

The controversy surrounding this summer's Writing Thru Race Conference held in Vancouver brought to the surface some of the worst elements in Canadian society. Malcolm X once cautioned an audience to stop talking about the problems in the South because, in his words, "as long as you are south of the Canadian border you are south." But the conference, organized by the Writers' Union of Canada, held from June 30 to July 3 and designed to discuss issues of race and racism as they impinge upon writing in this country, proved that, above the 49th parallel, south of the North Pole is south.

But before the conference could get its feet off the ground a controversy erupted over a newsletter printed by the Racial Minority Writers' Committee, a section of the Writers' Union. In the newsletter it was stated that the "enrollment of 150 participants will be limited to First Nations writers and writers of color." This sparked accusations, with the *Globe and Mail*, "Canada's national newspaper", at the helm, and the Reform Party, that the Racial Minorities Committee was "reinventing apartheid", practicing "cultural apartheid", and "reverse discrimination".

It is not the intention here to defend the Writer's Union's choice to restrict the workshops to "people of color" (evening readings, performances, and talks were open to the public). The comments printed in the *Globe*, seemed to, if anything confirm the need for such a conference.

Neither is there space here to debate whether, by virtue of being "people of color", there exists an automatic basis for unity. It should be obvious, given the present socio-economic conditions in Canada, that ethnic unity or unities is just one of the many social divisions under which people must struggle to radically transform their lives and living conditions.

What is important here is not the seemingly isolated reactions of the press, the Reform Party, the (Liberal) Federal Government, and members of the general public, but that together, these reactions are symbolic of broader issues and tendencies in Canada.

As the conference date approached other questions and issues were raised. Should taxpayers' money be spent on a conference that excludes the majority of Canadians who are white? And if a conference were organized in which only whites were invited, would the organizers not be accused of racism? One writer, again from the *Globe*, trying his desperate best to demonstrate impartiality, stooped the abysmal level of referring to the conference's organizers as "fanatics".

He went on to imply, expediently forgetting that non-whites have proportionately higher rates of unemployment than their white counterparts. They were playing on already prevailing fears that the few jobs out there are being offered to non-whites first, that affirmative action programs, designed to address historical socio-economic inequalities (whether

you agree with them or not), are one of the major causes of the current employment woes amongst "ordinary [read white] citizens" as he put it.

What became increasingly clear as this media manufactured controversy escalated was that the Canadian government was both unwilling and incapable of defending why it had initially agreed to fund the conference to the tune of \$22,500. In an act of cowardice and capitulation, equalled only by the level of chauvinism displayed by Reform Party, the Federal Government decided to withdraw all government funding and support for the conference, some two weeks before the conference's commencement.

All of a sudden the government seemed to think that the conference was a racist one. None of the conference's critics cared to ask why, if the conference was racist, the government agreed to fund it in the first place.

And throughout the entire controversy, none of the critics expressed even remote concern or appear to be cognizant of the abject economic and social conditions that confront a large percentage of people in Canada, providing the impetus for a conference like the Writing Thru Race conference. True to their form, the critics failed to examine the prevailing conditions in this country and put them into any historical perspective.

New liberal policies

The sentiments inscribed in the *Globe*, echoed by the Reform Party, and endorsed by the Canadian government are part of the general racist, xenophobic, and fascist tendencies that are currently clouding North America and sweeping across Europe, and across the world for that matter. Reform Party popularity comes at a time when anti-immigration, racist, and anti-Native Canadian sentiments are on the rise and are being endorsed none other than the Liberal government.

With the aid of spurious media coverage, the federal government has added fuel to an already flaming fire of racist, anti-immigration sentiments, giving the impression that immigrants in general, and blacks in particular (and Jamaican blacks more specifically) are responsible for the upsurge in crime in Canada and for what is seen by many as the general deprecation and disintegration of "pristine" Canadian values.

Using this summer's killing of a white police officer by a Jamaican-born man, which sparked widespread condemnation of Canada's "open" immigration policy, Sergio Marchi, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration has introduced a new immigration bill which calls for the deportation of all immigrants (that do not have Canadian citizenship but could be permanent residents or landed immigrants) convicted of a crime back to their "native" countries.

The media highlighted the fact that, Clinton Gayle, the man arrested for the killing, was black and born in Jamaica. However the media expediently omitted one minute detail. Gayle, a man in his mid twenties, has been living legally in Canada since he was 8 years old - a product of Canadian society not Jamaica.

Gayle's case is reminiscent of a time not so long ago when Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson was the fastest man in the world and Canadians and the media were proud to say that they were Canadian and that Big Ben was one of them.



Johannesburg, New York, or Toronto?

In Montreal there have been no less than six unaccounted for shootings and killings of black men by the police. The police have found no shortage of excuses for their actions. In a recent case an officer's defective gun was blamed for the killing of a black man in what was obviously another case of shooting first and asking questions later. And, as is the case in Toronto, there has not been a single case in which the police were charged and convicted for their acts, in spite of the overwhelming evidence against them.

Police brutality has not been reserved only for blacks or other non-whites. Richard Barnaby, a white taxi driver was beaten into a coma by the police, supposedly for "resisting arrest." It has been rumored that he is being kept on life support so that the officers that carried out the brutal attack cannot be charged with murder!

The new immigration policy prompted Jamaican prime minister P.J. Patterson, on a recent visit to Canada, to state that "pointing a finger in the wrong direction [in this case Jamaica] may only serve to exacerbate social tension, or allow racism to rear its ugly head".

Immigrants and crime

The policy is being advanced in spite of a recent report carried out by a senior Immigration Department researcher and released by none other than the federal government itself showing that while foreign born people make up 20.2 per cent of Canada's population, they accounted for only 10.3 per cent of penitentiary inmates in 1989 and only 11.9 per cent of those incarcerated or on conditional release in 1991.

The report goes on to suggest that "Canada's comparatively liberal refugee laws, rather than contributing to the problem of immi-

grant crime, may even help to mitigate it" and that "tougher immigrant laws might well drive more people into the arms of smugglers and the gangs."

Obviously racism is not the only form of discrimination in this country. The Free Trade/NAFTA economic agreement with the United States and Mexico, was solidified without serious discussion or debate on the ramifications and detrimental effects of the agreement on the Canadian workforce and the broader social implications. An estimated 500,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Canada as a result of the Free Trade/NAFTA initiative and it can only become more dismal through time.

Last winter American farmers blockaded trucks carrying Canadian wheat products at the northern Montana/southern Alberta border in protest of the sale of cheaper Canadian wheat in the United States. These are farmers that have intermingled and married into each others families for decades. Now they find themselves at opposite sides of the same fence as they compete against each other in the North American market. Hence we have a deal, designed to transcend national economic barriers and geographical borders, yet conjuring nationalist barriers.

The NAFTA deal is also indirectly responsible for the privatization of public schools by way of commercial advertising (Pepsi-Cola is now selling advertisements in Toronto schools in exchange for financial rewards) as the provincial governments begin to cut financial assistance to public schools, from kindergarten to high school, and lower federal university subsidies. Cuts to old age pensions on the West Coast, unemployment insurance, welfare and what appears to be the imminent cutback and eventual destruction of Canada's health care



Coca-Cola Unionist assassinated

On August 31, 1994 Rene Cabrera, the Finance Secretary of the STECSA-Coca Cola Union of Guatemala, was stabbed repeatedly by two unknown assailants just after taking part in a demonstration in Guatemala City. The demonstration had been called to protest the violent eviction on August 24 by the police of peasants occupying the Hacienda San Juan del Horizonte, in Coatepeque, province of Quetzaltenango. Cabrera, who was in critical condition for four weeks, died of his injuries on September 29, 1994.

The murder of Rene Cabrera falls within the context of increased violent repression of the Coca Cola union and against trade unionists in general. It also occurs at a time when the US Trade Representative is considering lifting its review of Guatemala's trade privileges under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Guatemala's trade privileges were placed under review in 1992 because of widespread labor rights violations.

—Guatemala Labor Education Project; Christian Task Force on Central America.



US Government documents online

The US Taxpayer Assets Project (TAP) and the Congressional Accountability Project (CAP) hailed the Government Printing Office (GPO) decision to provide 24-hour free online access to the text of House and Senate legislation, the Congressional Record, the Federal Register and other government publications. This information will be available to anyone with access to the Internet or a personal computer and a modem.

"This decision will shift some power away from corporate and wealthy elites and will improve ordinary citizens' ability to get a fair shake in Washington. It is a boon for citizens who want to keep a watchful eye on the actions of their members of Congress and the federal agencies," said Gary Ruskin, Director of the Congressional Accountability Project.

The new Internet access program will make available the entire product line from the GPO Access program, which provides online access to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, the full text of all published versions of bills introduced in Congress, and more than 6,000 files from 25 federal agencies.

"The GPO's action does not fully resolve the problem of inadequate citizen access to federal government information," Ruskin said. "Other resources should be made available on-line, including voting records of members of Congress, congressional hearing records and reports, Congressional Research Service reports, and the text of federal laws and court decisions."

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South Africa may import toxic waste

The South African Government has just published proposed legislation to legalise the import and export of toxic wastes for any reason. The public in South Africa has until 29 October to comment on the proposal.

South Africa subscribes to the principles and requirements of the Basel Convention, which it became a party to in May 1994. There is presently a general ban on the importation of hazardous or other waste for the purpose of destruction or final disposal on land in South Africa.

Some have said that it is not in South Africa's interest to ban all trans-boundary movement of hazardous and other wastes, because

South Africa has the resources and infrastructure to develop treatment and disposal facilities and operate these facilities to a high standard. Some neighbouring countries may not be able to do so and may therefore resort to practices that may impact adversely on the regional environment.

—Source: New York Transfer News Collective

Bolivian parliament condemns US blockade against Cuba.

After a three-day meeting of parliamentarians from Ecuador, Peru, Columbia, Venezuela and Bolivia in La Paz, the Bolivian parliament stated that the US policy is economically asphyxiating Cuba and seriously affecting the quality of life of its inhabitants. Legislators said there was no political or strategic justification for the blockade. They urged Washington to end its unilateral and extra-territorial measures which contradict international prohibitions by the United Nations against impeding free access of basic necessities like food and medicine to the Cuban people. Bolivia is the fifty-ninth country and adds its name behind a long list of international social justice organisations in condemning the blockade.

Source: Radio Havana Cuba and New York Transfer News Collective

Much of the information posted by New York Transfer News Collective can be found on the newsgroups alt.activism and alt.politics.radical-left. In addition the collective can be contacted at nyt@nyxtfer.blythe.org

system, which, up to now, has meant free basic health care for Canadians, also seem to be part of the deal.

So soon, here too in Canada, as in the United States, hospitals will be rejecting would-be patients in dire need or perhaps on the verge of death because they do not have sufficient funds to pay for their treatment. The needs of the patient are lost. It's all about competition and profit, dollars and nonsense.

NAFTA and social inequality

All these social cutbacks affect most severely affect those who are already the most economically depressed and the victims of racism and discrimination in this country. In Montreal unemployment amongst blacks between the ages of 18 and 35 is more than 35 per cent, not for want of initiative but as direct result of racial discrimination, both systematic and person to person. And with the number of single parent families rising, how are they expected pay for their children's schooling and hospital bills in the future? At a time when unemployment is rising and the economy is said to be in recess, both federal and provincial governments are revoking funds that further depress those who need them the most.

And the affects of NAFTA do not stop here. The trade deal between Canada, the United States and Mexico is already squeezing out the little access that Caribbean primary products have to North American markets dealing a terrible blow to their already restricted economies. In the long run this only encourages greater migration of Caribbean nationals to Canada and other "developed" countries - the very thing the Canadian government is desperately trying to avoid. - only to be criminalized and denigrated.



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McGill students rate poorly in election survey

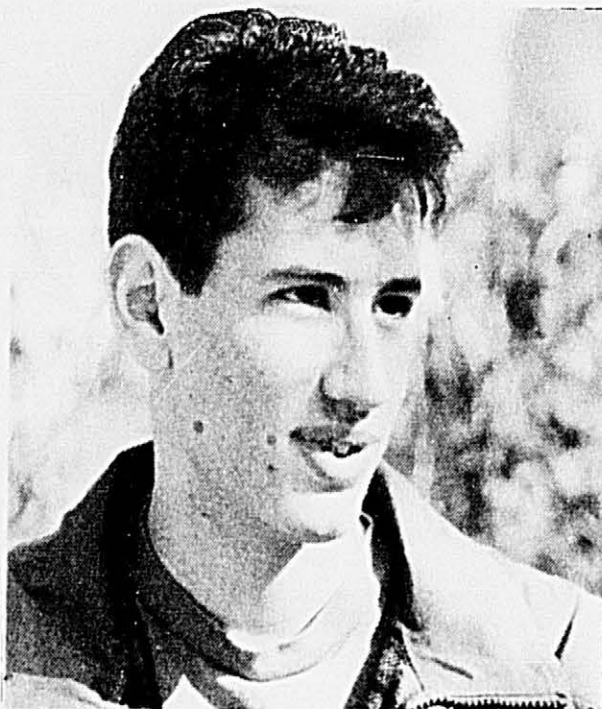
Last week, the Daily went out to determine if McGill students know or even care about the Montréal municipal elections scheduled for November 6. The answer, for the most part, was "Not much". Most students at least knew that there was an election coming up. Political campaigns seem to be the last thing students were concerned about. After all, it is mid-term season.

By AGATA DE SANTIS

PHOTOS BY CAM BOOTH



Laila Malik



Jordan Wosnick



Sarah Zackerman

More than half the students said they were planning to vote. Yet many of these same students did not know the date of the elections. One fourth of the students we talked to did not know that Jean Doré is the current mayor of Montréal. Only one third of the students could name at least one candidate running for mayor. No one was able to name all four candidates. Strangely enough, almost all the students who knew that Jean Doré is mayor did not name him as a candidate.

A majority of the students polled considered city politics very important. David Rolston, who is in his first year of graduate studies, said city politics "really relate to what we are doing right here. Federal politics seem to be too aloof, it's too far away. When we [have] a few days of garbage spread all over McGill College because the workers [are] unhappy, that seems to directly affect what we are doing."

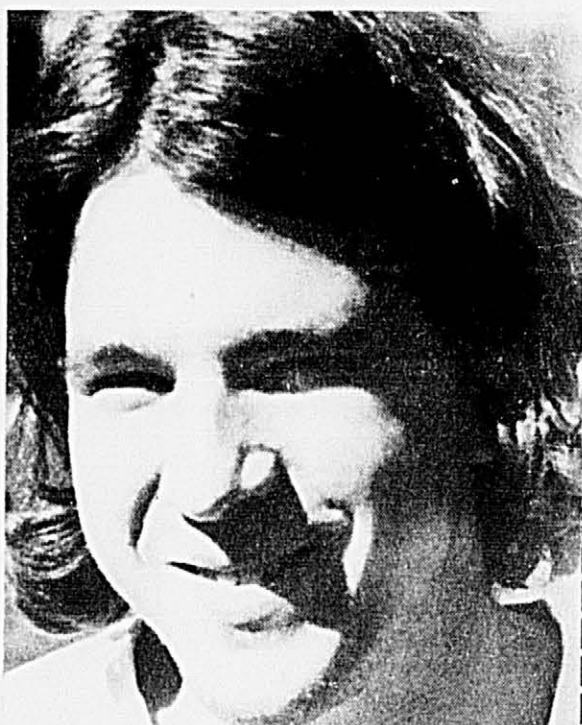
Students who seemed surprised at our even asking if city politics are important ironically showed no knowledge of the municipal campaigns. Some had earlier admitted that they were not even planning to vote.

Some students said they do not consider city politics as important as provincial or federal politics, because municipal governments cannot implement any major policies or control government spending. As Georgia Tsombanakis, a Modern Languages student, said, "The federal election was the one that counted."

Jordan Wosnick, a student in the Science Faculty, said, "I think [city politics] are important, but for many McGill students, especially students in their first year like I am, they sort of pale in comparison to what's happening in the universities... University politics are considered more important than city politics."

Students voice their concerns

The *Daily* also asked students if they had any concerns that they would like to see addressed in the campaigns. Many of the concerns students raised centered around environmental, cultural and safety issues.



Reynald Hoskinson

Reynald Hoskinson, an Arts student, suggested, "Instead of collecting garbage twice a week they should collect it once a week and also collect recycling [everywhere]." He also expressed concern over mayoral candidate Jerome Choquette's threat to abolish reserved bus lanes and bike paths.

Political Science student Laila Malik said, "I have some concerns about the various ethnic and cultural communities in Montréal and how the elections are going to affect them."

Mai-Anh Levan, a Science student, was concerned about security in and around the Student Ghetto, "Our streets are not as safe as they used to be," she noted.

Fabien Marino, an Engineering student, said, "[The city] should do something about the public transport. It's too expensive." Also, "The bridge from the South Shore to Montréal is a nightmare. We need another bridge."

Economics student Sarah Zuchermann, voiced the need for bike paths downtown, saying, "it's getting a little dangerous."

Many students expressed guilt at not knowing what is going on in the campaign. When confronted with their ignorance, they resolved to get informed about the issues so that they can decide who to support. Many students claimed that there was not enough coverage of the elections.

Stay tuned to the *Daily* for continuing coverage of the parties and the Mayoral and local candidates.



Mai-Anh Levan



Fabien Marion

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McGill Nightline is an information listening and referral service. Open 9pm-3am until mid Oct. and 6pm-3am the rest of the year. Try it out!! 398-6246.

McGill AIDS Benefit Fashion Show Tryouts

Everybody is welcome & encouraged to come & audition. Tryouts will take place on Oct. 25 & 26 at the Union Bldg. Cafeteria at 6-9pm. The actual show will be held at Metropolis on March 10/95. See you there.

15 - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed for 10km run event on Sunday Oct. 23. Duties include giving water to the runners, indicating directions. 1 1/2 hours, free breakfast and draw prizes after. To register: 486-8216.

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Gaelic to the bone

Donnie Munroe speaks about Runrig's music

BY JULIAN SO

To appreciate the rabid popularity that Runrig enjoys in their native Scotland, one would have to know that they have been the subject of a best selling book, a popular television documentary, and that they have sold out various large music festivals in the UK faster than David Bowie or Rod Stewart. And yet they remain remarkably down to earth.

For all their achievements, Runrig began as a rather ordinary student band in the late seventies, playing mostly English language cover songs. Bandmembers and brothers Rory and Calum MacDonald began to write songs in their native Gaelic, which eventually completely replaced the covers.

The fierce pride the members of Runrig have in their Gaelic roots led to some problems as they became more well known in Scotland. Whether they wanted it or not, Runrig became the standard bearers in the fight to preserve the Gaelic culture and language. While not uncomfortable about their role, it made performing English material problematical. Drunken hecklers and music critics alike screamed "sell out" as more English material appeared in their live shows and on albums. Lead vocalist Donnie Munroe was justifiably irritated. "We grew up with a language: three of us are native Gaelic speakers. So it seemed normal and right that you should want to communicate some of your ideas in [one of] your native language(s), but also in another language which was also a

native language to you, which was what English was."

Runrig began to expand in other directions as well. Whereas their first original songs adhered strictly to the Gaelic folk music tradition, it was inevitable that the elements of popular culture, especially rock music, became incorporated into their newer material. Previously the darlings of music critics and Gaelic cultural preservationists alike, the 1979 release *The Highland Connection* not only highlighted the band's desire to create a rock-folk fusion, but marked Runrig's biggest success at the time with Scottish fans.

International tours in the late 80's brought Runrig across the Atlantic to play in such places as Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Montréal. Impressed with both the sheer immensity of the country, as well as its heritage, Runrig's newer material began to reflect the historical links between Canada and Scotland. Songs like *Rocket to the Moon*, *Canada*, and *The Cutter* on their newest release, *Amazing Things*, reflect the experiences and successes of the Gaelic immigrants to Canada in their new home country and the consequences to the Native Americans.

In light of their social awareness, Runrig's

music manages to stay away from any strident, dogmatic political leanings. Instead they share the ideals of their Canadian counterparts, *Spirit of the West*. Theirs remains a politics of language, tradition, and "of land, life, social circumstance, but without neatly being packaged into any particular party philosophy."

Runrig plays at Metropolis on Oct. 1st. *Liam Callaghan and the Water of Life* opens. Tickets are \$19.95 + tax + service charge and are available at the Metropolis box office and Admission outlets.



Principal creates budget committee

Committee to study and create McGill's 95/96 budget

BY ARNOLD KWOK

Principal Bernard Shapiro announced at the Senate meeting Wednesday that the Planning and Priorities (P&P) subcommittee of the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) will study and create the 1995/96 university budget. After the presentation of the Financial Report to Senate by Vice-Principal Administration and Finance John Armour, Principal Shapiro gave a speech regarding the "collapse in university financing" in Canada.

"It is unlikely that the prospects [for funding] will improve in proceeding years. It's not a question of a band-aid here and a band-aid there," said Shapiro. "We have to ask ourselves two questions: What does the university do to create the budget for 1995/96? And what does the university do in subsequent years?"

To answer the first question, which is more pressing, Shapiro mandated P&P to study and create the 1995/96 budget. P&P will proceed at its next meeting on Tuesday, October 25. The committee, which holds meetings open to observers in room 609 of the James Administration Building, will report to the APPC. Which will submit its budget report to the first Senate meeting in January. After that time, Shapiro said that he "will have to bring it forward to the Board of Governors (BOG) for approval."

Eric Hoffstein, U3 Psychology, is one of the three undergraduate representative on P&P. The others are SSMU VP Finance Paul Johnson and a Macdonald campus student. "We meet once every other week. The issues we deal with are very complex," said Hoffstein. "The most recent issue is PBA - pre-

liminary budget allocation."

Senator Malcolm Baines, past-president of McGill's Association of University Teachers (MAUT) commented: "Such a consultation is long overdue and the staff participation I think is essential. It'll be very interesting to see how it proceeds." Currently there is no official representation of staff associations on P&P.

"My reaction is this [new P&P mandate] eliminates the last element of the [1989/90] Tripartite Committee which placed Senate representatives to the Budget Planning Group (BPG)," said Trevor Garland, president of the McGill University Administrative and Support Staff Association (MUNASA). "Perhaps this is the time to review the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee which has never been done."

According to an April 5, 1990 memorandum to the BOG, Sheila Sheldon-Colyer, coordinator for the Tripartite Committee, wrote that the committee "decided to recommend the Report to the BOG, as drafted, with the understanding that the said policy and its application will be reviewed by the BOG in two years." This review never took place.

P&P is a subcommittee of APPC; Vice-Principal Planning & Resources François Tavenas chairs P&P and Vice-Principal (Academic) Bill Chan chairs APPC. There are eighteen members in P&P in addition to the chairperson. Vice-Principal Advancement Michael Kiefer and a BOG representative are ex-officio. There are also five students, one rep from administrative units (at the Director level), and the rest are academic staff.

In the past, Vice-Principal Armour explained to Senate that every October he would submit a Financial Report to Senate for com-

ments. By late November-early December, the top secret Budget Planning Group (BPG) would finalize the budgetary proposal and send it to the Deans of faculties who would oversee their own budgets. By February, the Principal would submit the final budgetary proposal to the BOG of McGill.

A university standing budget committee has been a long time coming. In the April 1990 Final Report of the Tripartite Committee, committee chairperson Hugh Hallward wrote, among other things, that "the present system needed to be improved and sought to... provide broader participation in decision-making and more information about the decisions made...."

In January 1993, the Canadian Association of University Teachers released a Report of the Independent Study Group on University Governance. It said, "budget secrecy is frequently the excuse offered for restricting financial debate in the senate. The senate should have a standing finance committee."

This new mandate P&P received is the third new mandate it got in the last year and a half. According to Helen Richard, secretary of the subcommittee, first "the committee now examines and makes recommendations to APPC on the resource implications of all new program proposals." Secondly, "as a result of the approval by Senate of the [BPG's] document Budget Correction Measures (May 12, 1993), the mandate of P&P was expanded 'to include regular review of and recommendations relating to resource distribution within the University....' The committee thus examined the budget situation of McGill's 'peripheral units' and has been considering the University's resource allocation process."

events

• The **McGill Internet Society** is having a general meeting today at 16:00 in Union b-10. Everybody is welcome.

• **Velatum**, an exhibition of recent oil paintings by Montréal artist Antoinetta Grassi will be presented as the McGill University School of Architecture from Thursday, October 13th, until Monday, October 24th, weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The works will be displayed in the Exhibition Room (3rd Floor) of the McGill School of Architecture, 815 Sherbrooke Street West.

• **Canadian Institute of International Affairs** will present M. Marc Perron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs will speak on the Middle East peace process. All welcome. Mt. Stephen Club, 1440 Drummond, 5:15 pm, 20 Oct. \$6. Info: 395-2260

• **Temple Emanuel-Beth Shalom's** second annual fun bazaar, Sunday Oct. 23, 9-6pm. 4100 Sherbrooke St. West.

• **Temple Emanuel-Beth Shalom** presents Gary Evans, history professor Dawson college, "Film Propaganda Technique and Creation of the Hitler myth." Tuesday Oct. 25th at noon. Brown bag lunch, 1pm program. Info: 937-3575

• **Temple Emanuel-Beth Shalom** presents Adrienne Savoie, soprano and Michel Beauchamp, guitar performing Spanish songs and music of the Spanish Renaissance, and flamenco. Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3pm. Admission \$10. 4100 Sherbrooke St. W.

• **CKUT** will be having its Annual General Meeting for all members on Thursday Oct. 20 at 6pm. Rm. B9 and B10 Shatner.

• Professor **Richard Wilk**, department of Anthropology Indiana University will be speaking on The Political Economy of Beauty from Miss Belize to Miss World, Monday, Oct. 24 12:30-2:00pm, Lea. 738.

• Professor **Anne K. Pyburn**, department of anthropology Indiana University-Purdue University will be speaking on Policies from High Places: A Perspective on the Maya Collapse, Tuesday Oct. 25, 11:30-1pm, Lea. 738

• **WUSC McGill** is holding a meeting at 6pm Thursday in rm. 306 of the Union. Info: 284-0609

• **Caribbean Students' Society of McGill** invites you to a General Meeting, bowling afterwards, Friday 21, Oct. Union, Rm.302 at 6:30pm.

• **The Centre for Society, Technology, and Development** in collaboration with Aboriginal Government, RESOURCES, Economy and Environment at McGill University presents Nin Thomas (Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of New Zealand), on The Protection and Regulation of Maori Land Tenure in New Zealand—AOTEAROA—Friday, October 21, 1994, 12:30-2:00. The speech will be located at 2020 University on the 24th floor.

• **Shakti**, McGill's Women of Colour Collective, will be having a meeting on Monday October 24 at 5:30pm in the Eaton Building, 5th floor. The topic of discussion will be action for culturefest.

• **The Human Brain: Functional Specialization and Plasticity** by Dr. V.S. Ramachandran, University of California on October 27th 1994. Place: Auditorium, Hall Building 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd W. for more info call 848-2595.

• **The Sexual Assault Centre** of McGill's Students Society is now open for info-referrals, Monday to Friday (3:30 am to 6pm at 398-2700. New this year, a night time helpline Sunday to Thursday 6 pm to midnight and Friday + Saturdays 6pm. to 3am. at 398-8500.

• **On Campus Waste Management** at QPIRG invites volunteers to our Garbage Party/Waste Audit on Friday, Oct 21. Spend a free hour or more enjoying donuts, coffee and music while sorting fresh McGill garbage. This event will last from 10 am to 3:00 pm on the main campus. For more info and sign-up details call QPIRG, 398-7432.

• **McGill Christian Fellowship** Bible Study this Friday at 7pm in Shatner Caf. All Welcome! Questions call Jean at 288-9741.